(f) whether it is also a fact that there is an over-invoicing in the Import of the penultimate; and

(g) if so, what is the yearly magnitude of over invoicing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) To the extent information is available all major anti-TB and anti-leprotic drugs are imported duty free under Open General Licence.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per the current Import Trade Control Policy the registration with my Department is required for import of Rifampicin.

(d) No, Sir. Imports of Rifampicin is being discouraged due to abundant availability of indigenously manufactured drug by several manufacturers.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) No such instance has come to the notice of my Department.

(g) Does not arise.

New-Technology for manufacture of alcohol

1627. SHRI ADINARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:
PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the technology for manufacture of industrial fine alcohol from tapioca starch has been developed in the country;

(b) if so, which organisation developed this technology;

(c) whether Malladi Project Management Centre (MPMC), a Madras based technical consultancy organisation has also developed this technology;

(d) whether Government have given licences for the starch-based alcohol plants; and

(e) if so, what are the names of the industries, their production capacity and their location?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Central Food Technology Research Institute, Mysore and Central Tuber Crop Research Institute, Trivandrum are reported to have developed the technology for manufacture of alcohol, based on Tapioca.

(c) One Company who got Registration with DGTD for manufacture of industrial alcohol based on Tapioca indiacted that they will take the technology from M/s. Malladi.

(d) and (e) About 55 units have been registered with DGTD so far for the manufacture of industrial alcohol based on Tapioca for a total capacity of 1,84,600 KL per annum. The names of the Companies, their production capacity and their locations are being compiled and the same will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Increase in the prices of drugs being produced by IDPL

1628. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the bulk drugs being produced by IDPL;

(b) what was the price of each bulk drug in 1979;

(c) how many times increases in the prices have been allowed by his Ministry in respect of each bulk drug being produced by IDPL after 1979 alongwith the date of price fixation order, name of the drug and the price fixed;

(d) the names of bulk drugs produced by other companies for which prices have been fixed/revised during the same period;

(e) whether increases in prices were allowed on the recommendation of BICP; and

(f) if so, what are the details of each recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (f) About 50 bulk drugs are being produced by IDPL prices of most of which have been fixed/ revised under the DPCO, 1979 from time to time. The details required in the question are quite voluminous and are not readily available. Time and efforts required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Prices of anti-biotics

1629. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of important anti-biotics like Cephalexin, Pencilline, Streptomycin, Streptopencillin etc., have shot up with or without the approval of his Ministry by 25 per cent during the last one and a half year;

(b) what was the market price of each of these antibiotics in January, 1986 and what is the present price;

(c) whether it is a fact that prices of these antibiotics will go up further after the new measures announced are unplemented;

(d) whether his Ministry was aware of such a situation before formulating new measures; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for proposing these anti-consumer measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Government have recently revised upwards the prices of drugs referred to in the Question as per provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(b) The information to the extent available is given in the attached Statement. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 75]

(c) to (e) The new Drug Prices Control Order incorporating the measures announced in December, 1986 is yet to be announced. No precise estimate of possible charges in prices can be given at this stage.

Unintended profits under new measures

1630. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the proposed measures announced in December, 1986 by his Ministry the unintended profits made by the drug companies will become legal profits;

(b) if so, under what para of the measures the unintended profits have been legalised;

(c) whether his Ministry has sought legal opinion before making such a proposal; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) The Drugs Price Control Order incorporating the measures announced by the Government is yet to be announced.

Recovery under drug prices equalisation account

1631. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry sought advice from the Law Ministry in any case of recovery under the Drug Prices Equalisation Account;

(b) if so, what are the details of such cases where advice was sought;